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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mostly light to fair, at times moderate for active ads; food service covered the full range. Supplies were more than sufficient, ample for heavy weights, with discounts noted to clear additional product. In the parts structure, movement was fair, but was slightly better over the weekend. Supplies of all parts were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/02/04-08/06/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	65.00-71.00	70.74	19	70.64	35
Chicago	70.00-73.00	73.75	43	75.64	79
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	77.49	25
Denver	85.50	85.37	15	84.79	17
Detroit	72.00-74.00	74.36	11	77.18	44
Los Angeles	86.00	84.45	60	82.89	110
New York	70.00-73.00	71.41	22	73.74	45
Philadelphia	71.00-73.00	72.25	12	72.76	23
Pittsburgh	71.00-74.00	73.00	12	77.34	58
St. Louis	73.50-73.75	73.19	22	74.21	44
San Francisco	86.50	85.57	29	89.42	58

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/02/04	Change/Last Wk	07/26/04	08/04/03
538	78.08	-0.76	78.84	62.96

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	78.00-79.65	78.03	33
Central	76.00-83.75	78.69	74
West	71.00-81.00	74.98	37
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	78.00-81.50	81.02	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 80.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,109	70.00-82.00	79.56

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.00	1,529
BREASTS - B/S	227.00	5,788
BREASTS - WHOLE	127.00	1,707
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.00	1,147
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	8,257
WINGS	116.50	2,966

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available with scattered discounting noted. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light with most taking a wait and see attitude; supplies were at least adequate or available for all items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery mixed with regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32 and 4/10s generally 32.5, wings 104-109, boneless leg meat mainly 72, bone-in breast 120-127 and boneless 175-198. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 71.79 down 4.86 with the volume reported at 28 loads up 8 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices were lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole fryers was cautiously steady with a weak undertone. Offerings were light to moderate. Movement into retail was light to fair. Food service demand covered the full range, moderate overall. Floor stocks were in balance. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts offerings were adequate for the light trade needs. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings and barely steady to weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best entering the week. Seller offerings were readily available on 2.50 to 3.50 pound sizes; at least adequate on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range but mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	68-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.92
NO. OF BOXES	8,444

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fairly good over the weekend, but was noted as cautious and unaggressive entering the week as dealers were content to work hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breast items remained available. Dark meat lines were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was about fair, best for refill interest. The market tone was cautiously steady.

ICE-PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	200-205		192.12	616,953
TENDERLOINS	220		213.07	96,940
BREAST - WITH RIBS	113-114		115.01	164,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	113		108.65	174,480
LEGS	49-50		43.56	252,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33		35.88	344,943
DRUMSTICKS	41-42		38.27	200,300
THIGHS	35-36		43.37	135,660
B/S THIGHS	95-96		86.48	127,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		103.21	170,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.73	21,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		25.39	14,500
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.13	15,320

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,003	168.00-266.00	180-199	191.50
TENDERLOINS	443	187.00-239.00	219-224	218.40
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	120	TOO FEW TO REPORT	92-94	92.33
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,108	23.00-30.00	26-27	26.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,738	27.00-32.00	27-28	27.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,246	26.00-42.00	26-28	26.71

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS FOR 02-AUG-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	08/02	07/29	07/29	07/26	07/22
Alabama	4,114	3,763	5.21	3,621	5.17
Arkansas	5,491	5,409	5.04	5,476	4.97
Delmarva	2,286	2,169	5.48	2,267	5.48
KY-LA-TN	2,136	2,115	4.97	2,062	4.87
Mississip	3,030	3,051	5.38	2,994	5.41
North Car	2,442	2,444	6.23	2,421	6.19
Texas	2,432	2,491	5.09	2,498	5.05
Total	21,931	21,442	5.30	21,339	5.26
Mon	21,931 (A)			21,339 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Aug 2004 is estimated to be 32,811,000 up 2.47 percent from a week ago and up 3.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,021,000; last year 31,700,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	630	175.00-235.00	178-185	181.43
TENDERLOINS	203	200.00-245.00	200-218	211.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	119.00-132.00	120-124	122.83
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	63	35.00-57.00	-	39.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-31.00	26-27	26.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,003	26.00-37.00	-	28.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-112.00	94-96	99.58
WINGS (CUT)	460	114.00-119.00	-	115.91
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 2, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S	5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
60.00 - 65.50	62.37	62.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-JUL-2004 TO 30-JUL-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	172.00 - 215.00	193.00 - 205.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	110.00 - 136.00	114.00 - 128.00
LEGS	41.00 - 46.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 52.00	-
THIGHS	34.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	85.00 - 109.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	101.5-105.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	105-109

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	107-109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108 -109
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		170-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-JUL-2004
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	16.50-22.25	19.00-27.00		1,018,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	21.72			
15-20%					
RANGE	16.50-23.00	17.50-26.00		2,386,000	1,476,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.87	18.70			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	14.00	-		120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.00				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate at best for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.75	10.52
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-JUL-2004
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	18.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE			18.00		
15-20%					
RANGE	13.75-17.00	11.00-17.00		2,148,800	1,006,400
WTD AVERAGE	15.09	13.94			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-		-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5	9.5-10.5	10.34

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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